

Economic Development Commission (JDPEDC) Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at Noon, First Guaranty Bank

The regular meeting of the Jeff Davis Economic Development Commission was called to order, and the following attendance was noted.

Name	Standing for	Present	Absent
Creed Romano, CEO/President	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Mike Heinen	J.D. Tourist Commission		X
Beau Hearod	Jennings	X	
Tony Hulsey, Vice-Chairman	Jennings	X	
Judy Petry, Secretary/Treasurer	JD Tourist Commission		X
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Carter Prejean	Jennings	X	
Marilyn Watkins	JD Tourist Commission	X	
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney	X	
Greg Marcantel	CPA		X
Mayor Henry Guinn, Advisory	City of Jennings	X	
Charlie Butler	Advisory Board Member		X
Senator Jerry Theunissen	EDC Advisory Board		X
Shane Fontenot	EDC Advisory Board	X	
Jim Wright	EDC Advisory Board		X
Alex Guillory, Guest	Blue Wing Engineering	X	
Jim Bourgeois, Guest	Entergy		X
Woody Daigle, Guest	Sen John Kennedy's Office		X
Katelyn Little	City of Jennings	X	
Randy Whetstine, Facilitator	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	
Linda Leblanc	Jeff Davis Economic Development	X	

Call to Order: Chairman Ronnie Petree called the meeting to order.

Prayer and Pledge: Tony Hulsey led the prayer, and Mayor Henry Guinn led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Marilyn Watkins, and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by **Marilyn Watkins**, seconded by **Tony Hulsey**, and **passed unanimously** to approve the **July 12, 2023**, minutes as presented.

Approval of Financials: **None Available**

Public Comments: **None**

Old Business: **Creed Romano** reported that the LA-26 Benoit property is awaiting final approval to become a certified small business site.

New Business:

Creed Romano reported that a new site in Roanoke is being certified with LED. It is located in the SE corner of the I-10 Intersection.

Redi-Mat has a purchase agreement signed with the owners of TO Allen South.

Deco Exchange has closed on property in Lacassine.

Ronnie Petree, Alex Guillory, and Creed Romano discussed proposed improvements for the LAFA Park and funding from Senator Cassidy's office for water in Lacassine.

Mayor Henry Guinn gave an update on the progress of the many projects in the city of Jennings.

The next Economic Development meeting will be held on **September 13, 2023**.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made by **Tony Hulsey**, seconded by **Marilyn Watkins**, and **passed unanimously** to adjourn.

I, Creed Romano, certify that the above and the foregoing constitute the minutes of the meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission on August 10, 2022.



Creed Romano, CEO/President